

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

PS – PR&RD Department – Certain allegations against PR Engineering Officials on irregular payments to Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (v), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District – Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 328

**Dated: 16-06-2021.
Read the following:-**

- 1) Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.72 (1338/V&E/E/2016), dated:01-08-2017.
- 2) G.O.Rt.No.428, PR & RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:14-05-2018.
- 3) G.O.Rt.No.431, PR & RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:14-05-2018.
- 4) From the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, Vijayawada Lr.No. Vig.III/ 259990/2016, dated:20-08-2018 & 29-08-2019.
- 5) G.O.Rt.No.654, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept.,Dated:23-10-2019.
- 6) From the Superintending Engineer,PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc.No.A1/371/2018, dated:22-11-2020.
- 7) Govt.Memo.No.9093/Vig-II/2017, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept.,Dt:19-3-2021.
- 8) From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc.No.A1/371/2018, dated:06-04-2021.
- 9) Govt.Memo.No.9093/Vig-II/2017, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept.,Dt:26-05-2021.
- 10)From Sri G. Ratan Babu, DEE, PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District, representation Dated:31-05-2021.

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ORDER:

In the references 2nd and 3rd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule-24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing the following article of charges under Rule-20 of said rules against Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District in respect of certain allegations on irregular payments to Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (v), Maddipadu (M)< Prakasam District, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

That Sri G.Ratan Babu, the then DEE., Santhanuthalapadu, and now working as DEE., PIU., SD, Ongole, Prakasam Dist. has committed grave irregularities in execution of Cement and Gravel road works without in Yedugundlapadu (V), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.8,75,428/-, in contravention of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, in as much as he :-

i)Check - measured 11 CC roads which are of substandard quality in Yedugundlapadu Panchayat, Maddipadu Mandal in Prakasam District. Out of 11 works executed, in 6 roads the CC pavement laid is liable for rejection as the deficiency in thickness is more than 25mm and in 5 roads the deficiency of thickness in CC pavement is within allowable limits. The rejected value of work is Rs4,66,400/- apart from recovery of Rs99,810/- for short thickness in remaining 5 roads.

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ii) Check-measured the gravel road from Poleramma temple to burial ground in Yedugundlapadu Panchayat, Maddipadu Mandal with substandard quality /without actually executing gravel sub base layers as per sanctioned estimate. The rejected value of GSB layer is Rs.64,968/-.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada among others, has furnished dated acknowledgement copy relating to service of charges on the charged officer. He has further informed that charged officer was submitted his written statement of defence and denied charges.

3. Since, the Written Statement of Defence has not been convincing, after examining the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer viz., Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District and also against two (2) other co-charged officers viz., Sri G. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Engineer,(PR), MPP, Maddipadu(now expired) and Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE, PRI Sub-Division, S.N. Padu, Prakasam District involved in the case.

4. Accordingly, Government have issued orders in the reference 5th read above and appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole as the Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry against the above (3) charged officers. The Executive Engineer, PR, Ongole has been appointed as the Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority, therein.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer has submitted Inquiry Report along with his findings. It is observed that the analysis and findings of the Inquiry Officer in the Inquiry Report dt:22-11-2020, are not specific i.e., the charge framed against the Charged Officers is proved or not and the I.A has stated that the request of the Charged Officers for dropping the charge framed against them may be considered as there is no financial loss to the Govt., since the amounts were paid by the Gram Panchayat. Accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, the inquiry report was remitted back to the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer with a direction to re-submit the Inquiry Report in proper shape along with his specific charge-wise findings in respect of all charged officers including expired officer.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer has submitted re-inquiry report and he has stated that the present one is in full shape duly attending all the issues as pointed out in the Government memo 7th read above. In the findings the Inquiry Officer in the Inquiry Report in respect of Sri G. Ratan Babu, Charged Officer-2 has observed among others that, in the absence of statutory record i.e., Measurement Books it cannot be construed that Charged Officer has check measured the said works and the involvement of Charged Officer is not proved. Therefore, Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charges are not held proved against the Charged Officer i.e., Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then DEE, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District.

7. Government, after careful examination of matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Inquiry Officer & Superintending Engineer, PR, Prakasam and to drop further action against Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then DEE, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District, in this matter.

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8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then DEE, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District, in this matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To
Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then DEE, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE., PRISD,
Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District(Through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Secretary to V.C, A.P.V.C,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.

The General Administration (V&E) Department.

The PR & RD (Estt-I) Department – for taking necessary action
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SECTION OFFICER